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1. (U) Scope Note

(U) The Worldwide Threat to Shipping (WTS) message provides information on threats to, and criminal action against, merchant vessels worldwide in the last 30 days. This report is produced primarily to inform merchant mariners and naval forces.

2. (U) Summary

1. (U) RED SEA: On 21 June, an underway merchant vessel experienced a suspicious approach approximately 73 nm northwest of Al Hudaydah.

2. (U) INDONESIA: On 20 June, an anchored LPG tanker was boarded at the Nipah Transit Anchorage.

3. (U) MALAYSIA: On 17 June, an underway product tanker was boarded approximately 8 nm west-northwest of Lutong, Sarawak.

4. (U) YEMEN: On 14 June, an underway tanker experienced a suspicious approach approximately 2 nm southwest of Birim Island.

5. (U) RED SEA: On 13 June, an underway a merchant vessel experienced suspicious activity approximately 15 nm southwest of Mocha.

3. (U) Counter-Piracy and Maritime Crime Announcements and Advisories

A. (U) GULF OF ADEN: Government of Japan convoy schedule for June and July 2013. Merchant vessels that wish to apply for JMSDF escort operation should visit http://www.mlit.go.jp/en/maritime/maritime_fr2_000000.html, please contact directly the Anti-Piracy Contact and Coordination Office, Maritime Bureau, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT), Japan: Tel: +81-3-5253-8932 Fax: +81-3-5253-1643 Email: INFO-PIRACY@mlit.go.jp (MSCHOA).

B. (U) GULF OF ADEN: Korean Navy convoy schedule for June and July 2013. All merchant vessels wishing to join the convoy group must submit their application forms directly to the ROK naval warship carrying out the mission. The ROK MTG can be reached directly at (INMARSAT: 870-773-110-374), (Email: rokcheonghae@gmail.com) (MSCHOA).

C. (U) GULF OF ADEN: Chinese Navy convoy schedule for June and July 2013. For further information, please e-mail cnmrcc@msa.gov.cn, cnmrcc@mot.gov.cn, or call Tel: 86-10-652-92221 Fax: 86-10-652-92245 (MSCHOA).

D. (U) GULF OF ADEN: Indian Navy convoy escort schedule for June and July 2013. To register, email antipiracyescort@dgshipping.com or dgcommcentre@satyammil.net, or visit www.dgshipping.com. Telephone numbers for contact are: 91-22-22614646 or fax at 91-22- 22613636 (MSCHOA).

4. (U) Details: Monthly Incidents by Region

(U) This section lists reports of active violence against shipping, credible threats to shipping, or the potential for a situation to develop into a direct threat to shipping over the last 30 days. Designation of a high-threat area is based on an assessment of all source information relating to the existence of, or potential for, piracy and other crime, terrorism, civil unrest, or low-intensity conflict. Every effort is made to ensure that incidents are not double-counted. In the event double-counting is detected, or an incident is later learned to be different than initially reported, an explanation of the cancellation of the inaccurate report will be made in at least one message prior to dropping the erroneous report.

A. (U) **NORTH AMERICA**: No current incidents to report.

B. (U) **CENTRAL AMERICA–CARIBBEAN**: No current incidents to report.

C. (U) **SOUTH AMERICA**:

(U) **ECUADOR**: On 27 May, the Liberia-flagged underway container ship RIO EIDER was boarded at 02:22 S – 081:00 W, approximately 6.5 nm southwest of Anconcito. Approximately six armed persons with shotguns in a speed boat boarded the underway container ship, with pilot and unarmed security guards on board. Upon investigation, it was discovered container seals had been broken, but nothing stolen. (IMO, OCL)

D. (U) **ATLANTIC OCEAN AREA**: No current incidents to report.

E. (U) **NORTHERN EUROPE–BALTIC**: No current incidents to report.

F. (U) **MEDITERRANEAN–BLACK SEA**:

(U) EGYPT: On 27 May, the anchored Liberia-flagged bulk carrier GLOBAL F was boarded at 31:12 N – 029:46 E, at the El Dekheila Anchorage, Alexandria Port. Alert duty crew on board the anchored bulk carrier noticed three robbers near the forecandle and raised the alarm; resulting in the robbers escaping with stolen ship stores. (IMB, IMO, OCL)

G. (U) **WEST AFRICA**:

1. (U) GUINEA: On 19 June, the anchored Norway-flagged general cargo ship LANGENES was boarded at 09:14 N – 013:57 W, approximately 2 nm southwest of Conakry. Five pirates, armed with machine guns, boarded a general cargo ship at anchor. They threatened the crew, stole ship's cash, crew personal belongings, and then escaped. All crew were reported safe. (IMB, IMO, OCL)

2. (U) TOGO: On 13 June, the anchored France-flagged chemical tanker ADOUR was hijacked at 05:41 N – 001:18 E, approximately 30 nm south of Lome. An unknown number of pirates boarded and hijacked the ship. Fourteen of the 15 crew members were released, one crew member was taken hostage, to ensure the pirates safe passage back to Nigeria and to potentially ransom for money. On 17 June, the vessel was released and the captive crew member was rescued unharmed, by local authorities. (OCL, TW, LSS, VesselTracker.com)

3. (U) NIGERIA: On 13 June, the underway Singapore-flagged offshore supply vessel MDPL CONTINENTAL ONE was boarded and personnel kidnapped at 04:02 N – 008:02 E, approximately 7 nm southwest of the OFON Oil Field. Two fiberglass speed- boats, each with 2 outboard engines, each carrying 14 gunmen wearing casual t-shirts and no masks, launched an attack. The pirates were armed with AK-47s. After stealing personal items and belongings, four expat crew were kidnapped (Polish (Chief Engineer) and three Indians (Captain, Chief Officer, and Bosun)). (TW, OCL, SAA, Fleetmon.com, AP)

4. (U) NIGERIA: On 4 June, the underway Saint Vincent and Grenadines-flagged tug-offshore supply ship BOURBON ARETHUSE was boarded at 04:14 N – 007:45 E, at the Usari Field. Pirates boarded the ship while on standby duties. Seeing the pirates, the crew raised the alarm, retreated into the citadel, alerted other vessels and the shore-based office by VHF, and waited until the pirates had left. On investigation it was found that ship's and crew's belongings were stolen. All crew safe. (IMB, IMO, OCL, SAA)

5. (U) NIGERIA: On 4 June, the underway Vanuatu-flagged offshore supply ship C VIKING was attacked in the vicinity of 04:14 N – 007:45 E, at the Usari Field. No further reporting at this time. (TW, SAA, AP)

6. (U) NIGERIA: On 3 June, the underway Marshall Islands-flagged chemical tanker BLUEGREEN TIGRE was fired upon at 04:42 N – 008:19 E approximately 2.5 nm north of James Town, in the Calabar River. Ten armed robbers in two speed boats approached and fired upon the underway chemical tanker with pilot on board. Master raised alarm, mustered all crew,

and reported the incident to the Nigerian Authorities. The armed robbers aborted the attack and moved away when the Nigerian Marine Police arrived on the scene. All crew are safe, but the ship sustained minor damage due to the firing. (IMB, IMO, OCL)

7. (U) NIGERIA: On 3 June, the Singapore-flagged chemical tanker RHINO was fired upon at 06:16 N – 003:20 E, at the Lagos Anchorage. While at anchor, an unknown number of robbers attempted to board the vessel through the hawse pipe, via chain locker, and exchanged gunshots with the Nigerian naval personnel onboard. The general alarm was activated and the crew mustered at the designated muster station. The robbers' boat eventually left after 20 minutes. There was no injury to the crew or items stolen. (IMO, OCL)

8. (U) NIGERIA: On 24 May, the underway Nigeria-flagged chemical tanker MATRIX I was boarded and personnel kidnapped approximately 40 nm off the coast of Bayelsa state. Around seven to eight pirates armed with guns, in a boat, fired at and boarded the tanker underway. They stole ship's and crew's belongings, kidnapped five crew members and escaped. The kidnapped crew was released safely on 7 June. (OCL, LL, Reuters, AP, IMO, IMB)

H. (U) INDIAN OCEAN–EAST AFRICA:

1. (U) RED SEA: On 21 June, an underway merchant vessel experienced a suspicious approach at 15:02 N – 041:42 E, approximately 73 nm northwest of Al Hudaydah. Weapons and ladders were sighted, as multiple skiffs approached at high speed. The embarked AST fired several warning shots. The skiffs aborted their approach and moved towards another merchant vessel, approximately 2 nm to their starboard. AST observed the other vessel take evasive action. When last seen, the skiffs were paralleling the course of the second merchant ship. (OCL)

2. (U) BANGLADESH: On 15 June, the anchored Liberia-flagged chemical tanker GOLDEN AVENUE was boarded at 22:09 N - 091:47 E, at the Chittagong Anchorage. Approximately 20 robbers armed with axes and machetes, in three wooden boats, approached and boarded a chemical tanker while anchored. The alarm was raised and the crew mustered. The Master informed Port Control and Coast Guard, who sent out a patrol boat to investigate. However, the robbers managed to escape with ship stores before the authorities arrived. All crew are safe. (IMB, IMO, OCL)

3. (U) YEMEN: On 14 June, the underway Malta-flagged tanker experienced a suspicious approach at 12:36 N – 043:25 E, approximately 2 nm southwest of Birim Island. A single skiff paralleled the tanker's course, and then moved toward the vessel at high speed, approaching within 500 meters. The AST displayed their weapons, resulting in the skiff moving away. (OCL)

4. (U) RED SEA: On 13 June, a merchant vessel experienced suspicious activity at 13:05 N – 043:09 E, approximately 15 nm southwest of Mocha. Approximately 20 skiffs surrounded the vessel. The Master ordered the crew into the citadel and the embarked AST fired warning shots. The incident's duration lasted 20-30 minutes, before the skiffs moved away. Crew and vessel are safe. (OCL)

5. (U) INDIAN OCEAN: On 5 June, the underway Panama-flagged oil tanker TAIKAN experienced a suspicious approach at 17:12 N – 066:47 E, approximately 291 nm southwest of

Mumbai, India. A boat approached the vessel closing to 1.5 nm. TAIZAN attempted to increase speed, but only up to 13.8 kts due to prevailing swells. Master ordered two parachute flares fired against the boat, then an additional four parachute flares as the boat continued to approach. Finally the boat gave up further approach. (IMO, OCL, ReCAAP-ISC)

6. (U) SOMALIA: On 5 June, the India-flagged dhow SHAHE FAIZE NOORI was hijacked at 11:36 N – 049:15 E, approximately 20 nm north of Bosasso. The dhow was reported hijacked and 14 crew members taken hostage. After EU and NATO warships intervened, the pirates left the dhow for unknown reasons and released the hostages. (IMB, IMO, OCL, EU NAVFOR)

7. (U) MOZAMBIQUE: On 1 June, the berthed Hong Kong-flagged chemical tanker ESHIPS LIWA was boarded at 19:49 S – 034:50 E, at the Beira Port. Two robbers armed with long knives boarded the tanker at berth during cargo operations using the forward fire wire. Alert shore and deck watchmen and agents noticed them and raised the alarm resulting in the robber escaping via the anchor chain. There were no vessel or crew properties stolen. Port authorities and local police were notified. (IMB, IMO, OCL)

I. (U) **PERSIAN GULF**: No current incidents to report.

J. (U) **SOUTHEAST ASIA**:

1. (U) INDONESIA: On 20 June, the anchored Thailand-flagged LPG tanker SENNA JUMBO was boarded at 01:09 N – 103:38 E, at the Nipah Transit Anchorage. Five robbers, armed with knives, boarded the anchored LPG Tanker. Two robbers entered the engine room, while the others tried to break into the provision stores. On seeing the mess-man entering the provision store area, one robber caught him and threatened him with a knife, while the others escaped. The alarm was sounded and upon investigating, it was found that engine spares were stolen. All crew were safe. (IMB, IMO, OCL)

2. (U) INDONESIA: On 19 June, the anchored Hong Kong-flagged bulk carrier OCEAN GARNET was boarded at 01:11 S – 117:12 E, at the Muara Jawa Anchorage, Samarinda. Deck watch keepers onboard the anchored bulk carrier noticed three to five robbers with long knives near the forecabin store. They raised the alarm and retreated into the accommodation. On hearing the alarm, the robbers escaped in their waiting boat. Upon investigation, it was discovered that ship's stores had been stolen. Port control was informed. (IMB, IMO, OCL)

3. (U) MALAYSIA: On 17 June, the underway Malaysia-flagged product tanker KING RIVER was boarded at 04:31 N – 113:52 E, approximately 8 nm west-northwest of Lutong, Sarawak. Approximately 8 to 10 pirates, armed with long knives, in a speed boat, approached and boarded the underway product tanker. The pirates were aggressive; beating most of the crew and tying up their hands. The Master's left palm was severely cut, while the C/O and C/Eng suffered minor cuts as well. The pirates cut the communication cables, and then ransacked the bridge and accommodation. They stole crew's and ship's properties, as well as cash before leaving the ship, after an hour. The vessel diverted to Miri Port, to provide medical assistance to the injured crew. A police report was lodged. (IMO)

4. (U) INDONESIA: On 16 June, the anchored Panama-flagged container ship CMA CGM

KAILAS was boarded in the vicinity of 06:05 S – 106:54 E, at the Jakarta Cargo Anchorage. Four armed robbers boarded the anchored container vessel and attempted to force their way into the engine room, by breaking the padlock. Alert duty watchman sighted the robbers who then threatened and chased him. Luckily the duty watchman was able to enter the accommodation and alert the bridge officer, who raised the alarm. Later a thorough search of the vessel was conducted by the crew. Port authorities were alerted and all crew are safe. (IMB, IMO, OCL)

5. (U) INDONESIA: On 15 June, the anchored Hong Kong-flagged bulk carrier EMERALD STAR experienced an attempted boarding at 03:41 S – 114:25 E, at the Taboneo Anchorage. While at anchor, alert duty crew onboard the bulk carrier noticed robbers attempting to board the vessel, via the anchor chain. Alarm raised and crew mustered. The robbers aborted the attempt and escaped in an unlit boat. (IMB, IMO, OCL)

6. (U) INDONESIA: On 13 June, the anchored Hong Kong-flagged bulk carrier CSK BRILLIANCE was boarded at 01:12 S – 117:13 E, at the Muara Jawa Anchorage, Samarinda. Six robbers armed with knives, boarded the bulk carrier while at anchor. They took hostage two crewmembers, tied them up with ropes, and stole their personal belongings. The robbers then stole ship stores and escaped. One crew member was slightly injured during the ordeal. Port authorities were informed. (IMB, IMO, OCL)

7. (U) INDONESIA: On 13 June, the anchored Singapore-flagged oil tanker EAGLE SAN JUAN was boarded at 01:06 N – 103:36 E, at the Nipah Anchorage. Three robbers armed with long knives boarded the tanker while engaged in STS operations, stole engine spares, and escaped. Duty crew raised alarm and a search was carried out. Master reported the incident to the local authorities, who boarded and carried out an investigation. (IMB, IMO, OCL)

8. (U) INDONESIA: On 12 June, the anchored Singapore-flagged oil tanker SENTOSA RIVER was boarded at 01:05 S – 117:14 E, at the Senipah Tanker Anchorage off Balikpapan. The alert crew on board the anchored oil tanker noticed one robber on the forecastle and raised the alarm, resulting in the robber fleeing. Further investigation revealed the forecastle store padlock broken, but nothing stolen. Authorities were informed of the incident. (IMB, IMO, OCL)

9. (U) INDONESIA: On 10 June, the anchored Liberia-flagged bulk carrier ANNA BARBARA was boarded at 03:42 S – 114:28 E, at the Taboneo Anchorage. Robbers boarded the anchored bulk carrier waiting for loading operations. They broke into the forecastle store, stole ship's stores, and escaped without being noticed. The robbery was reported to the local agent who was onboard the vessel during the incident and the port authorities. (IMB, IMO, OCL)

10. (U) MALAYSIA: On 9 June, the underway Singapore-flagged tug PU2417 was boarded at 04:18 N – 103:36 E, approximately 6 nm off Terengganu. While underway from Thailand to Indonesia, six robbers armed with guns and choppers, boarded the tug boat and forced the crew to pump-out fuel oil from the tug boat to an unknown fishing boat. The robbers also took the crew's belongings before leaving the tug boat. The vessels continued passage to Indonesia. (IMO, OCL, ReCAAP)

11. (U) INDONESIA: On 8 June, the anchored Panama-flagged chemical tanker BANDAI V was boarded at 03:54 N – 098:46 E, at the Belawan Anchorage. Two robbers armed with knives

boarded the chemical tanker using a hook attached to a long pole. Alert duty crew noticed the robbers attempting to enter the paint store and raised the alarm. Seeing crew alertness, the robbers aborted their attempt and escaped in their boat. (IMB, IMO, OCL)

12. (U) INDONESIA: On 3 June, the anchored Hong Kong-flagged chemical tanker ATLANTIC CANYON experienced an attempted boarding at 03:55 N – 098:46 E, at the Belawan Anchorage. Robbers in a small boat attempted to board the anchored chemical tanker via the anchor chain. Alert duty crew spotted the robbers and raised the alarm, resulting in the robbers aborting the Attempted boarding. Port control was informed. (IMB, IMO, OCL)

13. (U) INDONESIA: On 3 June, the anchored Norway-flagged bulk carrier SPAR LIBRA was boarded at 01:10 S – 117:15 E, at the Muara Jawa Anchorage, Samarinda. Two robbers boarded the anchored bulk carrier using a hook attached to a rope and attempted to enter the forecastle store. Alert duty crew noticed the robbers and raised the alarm, resulting in the robbers escaping empty handed. Port control was informed. (IMB, IMO, OCL)

K. (U) **NORTH ASIA**: No current incidents to report.

L. (U) **PACIFIC-ANTARCTIC OCEAN**: No current incidents to report.

M. (U) **ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC NON-STATE ACTIVIST GROUPS**: No current incidents to report.

5. (U) Appendix A: Further Contact Information and Resources

(U) This appendix provides contact information for the author of the WTS as well as other entities that can be contacted with maritime crime reports. It also lists other resources where the WTS is posted and where piracy and maritime crime incident information can be found.

(U) Contact

(U) Originator of this WTS report requests consumer feedback. Originator will incorporate all anti-shipping events and violence against the maritime industry into this weekly message where appropriate. To aid in our reporting, please add the Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI) to your normal corporate and organizational reporting requirements. The 24-hour watch can be reached at +1 (301) 669-4053.

(U) Other Resources

(U) This Worldwide Threat to Shipping Report is posted at the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency's Maritime Safety site: <http://msi.nga.mil/NGAPortal/MSI.portal>. The International Maritime Bureau (IMB) also publishes a live piracy report based on reporting from the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, listing all piracy and armed robbery incidents in the last ten days: <http://www.icc-ccs.org/>. The PAWW and WTS Reports are posted weekly on the ONI Intel Portal: http://www.oni.navy.mil/Intelligence_Community/piracy.htm

6. (U) Appendix B: Terminology and References

(U) This appendix is provided to promote consistent use of accurate terms of reference in reporting and also identifies those references that were used to gather the information contained in this report. ONI welcomes comment and suggestions for addition or amendment.

(U) Terminology

(U) In order to promote consistent use of accurate terms of reference, the following have been adopted to describe the range of criminal anti-shipping activity and impediments to safe navigation in our worldwide reporting and analysis. Please note that these terms relate to observable activity and are independent of target vessel status and exclude actions by governmental powers in lawful pursuit of their authorities:

- (U) **Attempted Boarding** – Close approach or hull-to-hull contact with report that boarding paraphernalia were employed or visible in the approaching boat.
- (U) **Blocking** – Hampering safe navigation, docking, or undocking of a vessel as a means of protest.
- (U) **Boarding** – Unauthorized boarding of a vessel by persons not part of its complement without successfully taking control of the vessel.
- (U) **Firing Upon** – Weapons discharged at or toward a vessel.
- (U) **Hijacking** – Unauthorized seizure and retention of a vessel by persons not part of its complement.
- (U) **Kidnapping** – Unauthorized forcible removal of persons belonging to the vessel from it.
- (U) **Robbery** – Theft from a vessel or from persons aboard the vessel.
- (U) **Suspicious Approach** – All other unexplained close proximity of an unknown vessel.

(U) Sourcing

(U) ONI derives information in this report from direct reporting and analysis of reports from the following agencies and commercial sources.

- Agence France Presse (AFP)
- Associated Press (AP)
- BBC News (BBC)
- Baltic and International Maritime Council (BIMCO), Denmark (BIMCO)
- EU Naval Forces (EU)
- Fairplay (FP), London
- International Maritime Bureau (IMB), London and Kuala Lumpur

- International Maritime Organization (IMO), London
- Informa Group (INFO), formerly LLP, Llp Limited, London
- Latitude38.com (LAT), website
- Lloyd's List (LL), daily, London
- Local media (LM)
- LSS-SAPU.com (LSS)
- Maritime Administration (MARAD), US
- Maritime Security Council (MSC), US
- Maritime Security Centre – Horn of Africa (MSCHOA), Northwood
- MaRisk by Risk Intelligence (Risk Intelligence/MaRisk)
- National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA), Navigation Safety System
- Noonsite.com (Noonsite), website
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization Shipping Center (NSC), Brussels
- Oceanuslive.org (OCL), website
- Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI) (analysis and comment)
- Operator (owner or operator of affected vessel)
- Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC), US
- Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia, Information Sharing Center (ReCAAP ISC)
- Reuters.com (Reuters), website
- Royal Australian Navy (RAN)
- Royal New Zealand Navy (RNZN)
- Secure Anchorage Area West Africa (SAA)
- Seafarers' Assistance Program (SAP), Kenya
- Tradewinds (TW)
- United Kingdom Maritime Trade Organization (UKMTO)
- United Press International (UPI)
- United States Coast Guard (USCG)
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
- U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)
- U.S. Maritime Liaison Office (MARLO) Bahrain
- U.S. Department of State (DOS)
- U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)

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